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July 21, 2009

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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JULY 21, 2009

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CHANGES IN WORK FOR A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT
VALINDA AVENUE GREENING PROJECT
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF VALINDA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amount for a public works construction contract with Park West Landscape, Inc., for the Valinda Avenue Greening Project in the unincorporated community of Valinda.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Find that the requested changes in work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the increased contract amount and the changes for Project ID No. FCC0001076/Capital Project No. 77502 - Valinda Avenue Greening Project, to install landscape and irrigation systems, construct a bioswale with water quality enhancing features and a decomposed granite walkway, in the unincorporated community of Valinda, being performed by Park West Landscape Inc., for various miscellaneous changes required to complete the work as intended, with an increase in the contract amount of \$54,793.51.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval for the changes in a public works contract in support of the timely completion of the project while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the attachment.

The Director of Public Works or her designee has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Attached for your authorization are changes in work in excess of the Director of Public Works' delegated limit which are required to complete this project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated change order amount for this contract is \$54,793.51.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for the project to cover the costs of the requested changes. Detailed cost breakdowns for the changes, together with contract cost summaries, are included in the attachment.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in work as described above and in the attachment do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

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CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the attachment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under the contract and result in complete and usable facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

CHANGE IN WORK (AUTHORIZE)
July 21, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001076/C.P. NO. 77502 - VALINDA AVENUE GREENING PROJECT (in the unincorporated community of Valinda), Supervisorial District 1
Contractor: Park West Landscape, Inc.

Project Description:

Installation of landscaping and irrigation systems, construction of a bioswale with water quality enhancing features and a decomposed granite walkway, and other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

(1) Install Information Signs	\$ 1,170.00
(2) Plant Additional Trees and Remove Existing Bollard Trees	3,880.00
(3) Plant Additional Vegetation	<u>49,743.51</u>
Total	<u>\$54,793.51</u>

Description of Changes:

- (1) It will be necessary to install three interpretative signs to meet the intent of the project. This work is not shown on the plans.
- (2) It will be necessary to plant three additional 24-inch box trees and remove three existing bollard trees to meet the intent of the project. This work is not shown on the plans.
- (3) It will be necessary to plant additional vegetation to provide shielding from potential graffiti of the existing concrete block wall. This work is not shown on the plans.

The costs for Items 1, 2, and 3 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of contract specifications.

Seventeen additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

Sufficient appropriation for the project construction is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget under Capital Project No. 77502.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$459,512.00
Changes in work to be authorized	<u>54,793.51</u>

Revised contract amount	<u>\$514,305.51</u>
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Percent total change to original contract amount	11.9%
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